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THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Washington 25

August 22, 1949

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

The recent modification of the export control program consequent upon the disappearance of conditions of shortage in the domestic economy has made it desirable to reconstitute the machinery responsible for export control administration. Because of the very effective contribution of your agency to the formulation of the 1-A and 1-B lists and to the work of the Technical Steering Committee, and because the controls now in effect are based almost solely upon considerations of national security, it is clearly desirable for the CIA to continue its participation for the purpose of insuring the adequacy of the intelligence support for effective administration and the achievement of national security objectives.

It is fully understood that CIA is not in a position to assume an operating responsibility, but I should like to request the continued participation of your representative at least as an observer on the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Requirements and its Operating Committee to advise both the Committee and my office on export control matters involving or having a bearing on national security.

In view of the urgency in proceeding to a clarification of problems in connection with the export control program, prompt approval of this request would be appreciated in order to assure the uninterrupted participation of your representative.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

CHARLES SAWYER
Secretary of Commerce

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